

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Various claims are being amended as shown above. The claim amendments clarify the claim language and are not intended to limit the scope of the claims, unless the claim language is expressly quoted in the following remarks to distinguish over the cited art.

In the office action, claims 1-4 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Conklin et al. ("Conklin") patent no. 5,991,881. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

Conklin is directed to a system that performs network surveillance by monitoring the communications on a network or on a particular segment of the network. Conklin has a Network Surveillance System that detects intrusions on the network by examining data in each packet and comparing the packet data to a database of known patterns. Artificial intelligence is used for comparing the packet with the known patterns in the database (see Conklin, column 7, line 54). If the data in the packet matches a pattern in the database, then an intrusion is identified. Therefore, Conklin discloses a system that detects intrusion by examination of data in a packet in the network. Conklin does not disclose nor suggest a system that has a client application that detects states in a client computer by detecting a modification of registry configuration data in an internal registry in the client computer unit. Conklin further does not disclose nor suggest a system that detects states by calculating a maximum base count for entries in a defined registry segment in an internal registry in the client computer unit.

Independent claim 1 distinguishes over Conklin at least by reciting, a system including a client computer unit having a client application that detects the states of the client computer by *"calculating a maximum base count for entries in a defined registry segment in an internal registry in the client computer unit"* and wherein *"the client application detects states in the client computer by detecting a modification of registry configuration data in the internal registry in the client computer unit"*, and such recited features are not disclosed or suggested by the Conklin.

Accordingly claim 1 is patentable over Conklin.

Independent claim 4 distinguishes over Conklin at least by reciting, a method where *"detection of the states includes calculating a maximum base count for entries in a defined registry segment in an internal registry in the client computer unit"* and including the act of *"detecting a modification of registry configuration data in the internal registry in the client computer unit"*, and such recited features are not disclosed or suggested by Conklin.

Accordingly claim 4 is patentable over Conklin.

Claims 2-3 depend from claim 1 and are each patentable over Conklin for at least the same reasons that claim 1 is patentable over the cited reference.

Furthermore, each of the claims 2-3 distinguishes over Conklin by reciting additional features.

For the above reasons, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102.

New dependent claims 5-20 are being added, and each of the new claims 5-20 recites features that are not disclosed nor suggested by the cited references. Therefore, new claims 5-20 are patentable over the cited references.

For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims.

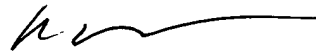
If the undersigned attorney has overlooked a teaching in any of the cited references that is relevant to the allowability of the claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to specifically point out where such teachings may be found.

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If the Examiner has any questions or needs any additional information, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (805) 681-5078.

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